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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT LAMIZANA DISSOLVES GOVERNMENT

REF: A) OUAGADOUGOU 2712 B) OUAGADOUGOU 2591

PRESIDENT LAMIZANA LAST NIGHT FORMALLY DISSOLVED THE
MILITARY GOVERNMENT WHICH HAS BEEN IN POWER SINCE 1974.
THE PRESIDENT REQUESTED INCUMBENT MINISTERS --A MIX OF
MILITARY OFFICERS AND CIVILIANS -- TO REMAIN AT
THEIR POSTS UNTIL A NEW GOVERNMENT IS FORMED.

COMMENT: THIS IS PRELIMINARY STEP TO SUBMITTING NAME OF
PRIME MINISTERIAL CANDIDATE TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY UNDER
NOVEMBER 1977 CONSTITUTION PROVIDING FOR RETURN TO
CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT. WE HEAR REPORTS FROM SEVERAL SOURCES THAT
THIS COULD TAKE PLACE EARLY NEXT WEEK. IN MEANTIME, NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY BOYCOTT BY OPPOSITION MEMBERS (28 OF THE 57 MEMBERS)
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CONTINUES OVER QUESTION OF "ABSOLUTE MAJORITY" (REF A).
KEY ISSUE IS WHETHER PRESIDENT LAMIZANA AND
HIS SUPPORTERS WILL BE SUCCESSFUL WITH RUMORED EFFORTS TO
FORM A "UNION GOVERNMENT OR WILL PROCEED TO ESTABLISH NEW
GOVERNMENT WITH DISPUTED 29 MEMBER "MAJORITY". MAJOR EFFORTS
REPORTEDLY TOWARD CO-OPTING OPPOSITION MEMBERS HAVE BEEN DIRECTED AT
UPV. THE LEADERSHIP OF UPV HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD LIKE

THREE MINISTERIAL POST, EDUCATION, YOUTH AND SPORTS, AND
RURAL DEVELOPMENT. IT MAY BE DIFFICULT FOR "MAJORITY" TO
ACCEPT THIS PROPOSAL AS WORK OF THESE THREE MINISTERIES AFFECTS
LARGE SEGMENTS OF POPULATION.
ALTHOUGH THE WINDS SEEM TO CHANGE ON THIS WITH UNSETTLING
FREQUENCY, THE MOOD WE PICK UP AT THE MOMENT SEEMS TO FAVOR AN
ATTEMPT TO MOVE AHEAD, EARLY NEXT WEEK, WITH THE SURE BUT NARROW
29 OF THE PRESENT MAJORITY. A DISTURBING ELEMENT IN THIS
COURSE OF ACTION IS THE PROSPECT OF OPPOSITION SPARKED LABOR
UNION UNREST AND STRIKES, PARTICULARLY IN THE OUAGADOUGOU AREA.
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